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**Medical Missions: The Twofold Task.** By Walter R. Lambuth. New York: Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, 1902. Pp. 262. \$1.00.

The growth of medical work in Christian missions is a romantic chapter in the record of the extension of the Kingdom of God on earth. The writer draws from a wide range of material and experience and presents the great work of medical missions in a most attractive form. The book furnishes a mighty appeal to the young man or woman who is looking forward to the practice of medicine and surgery as a life-work. One is forced to face the need of the world and to decide whether it is right to remain in one's own land struggling for a practice, or whether it is far better to go where the need is desperate and invest life there. The pictures are well chosen; the specific examples of effective missionary service are stimulating; the field of study is wide and is surveyed with discrimination. An excellent book for private reading or class study.

**A Modern Dreamer.** By Edmund March Vittum. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1920. Pp. 185. \$1.50.

Dr. Vittum has been minister and teacher and college president and through it all a sensitive and keen thinker. His imagination has the touch of the open country where he is at home and the evening lamp under which the scholar sits. He has put into graceful form here a score of reveries concerned with religious moods and biblical themes. They are wholesome in their sentiment, not mere graceful musings. The allegories are defensible; the personifications are in good taste. "Canaanizing the Christian" is an excellent example of a brief, pungent, and accurate message to modern life in quaint and delicate style. Christians will find in Dr. Vittum's little book many a fresh suggestion and opened door into wider vision of life.

**Sermons on the International Uniform Sunday-School Lessons for 1921.** By the Monday Club. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1920. Pp. 358. \$2.00.

This is the forty-sixth series of sermons on the International Lessons issued by the Monday Club of Boston. As usual the range of treatment is varied. There are thirty-one contributors to this series, many of whom are well-known preachers. The sermons are shorter than they would be if they were designed for preaching at a regular service of worship. They are adapted to use by teachers and students of the uniform lessons and will be of

genuine service in this field. Their homiletical value is inevitably lessened by the mechanical way in which the subjects are necessarily assigned to the members of the Monday Club.

**West and East. The Expansion of Christendom and the Naturalization of Christianity in the Orient in the XIXth Century.** By Edward Caldwell Moore. New York: Scribner, 1920. Pp. xii+421. \$4.00.

After a long time of waiting we now have the Dale Lectures delivered at Oxford in 1913 from the hand of a master in the related sciences of history and missions. The publication of *The Spread of Christianity in the Modern Era* by the University of Chicago Press in 1919 increased the desire to have this treatise. There are eight lectures, setting forth the impact of the forces of the West upon the East. Dr. Moore marshals his facts with consummate skill. He is able to hold our sustained interest through the complex story, which he renders clear and fascinating by his style. We enjoy the freedom of the page from a multitude of footnotes and references. They are not necessary in a book like this. Dr. Moore's lectures are not only informing, but they are also in the truest sense of the word inspiring. One feels a certain glow in the presence of the mighty movement which he witnesses as he follows the guidance of the one who sees the way through the complex ongoings of the past century. Surely tremendous enterprises have been trusted to human hands; and we feel sure from this study that even war cannot wreck the superb enterprise.

**The Power of Prayer.** Edited by W. P. Paterson and David Russell. New York: Macmillan, 1920. Pp. xiii+528.

In May, 1916, the Walker Trust of the University of St. Andrews offered certain prizes on "the meaning, the reality and the power of prayer, its place and value to the individual, to the church, and to the state, in the everyday affairs of life, in the healing of sickness and disease, in times of distress and national danger, and in relation to national ideals and to world-progress." In response to this offer one thousand six hundred and sixty-seven essays were received, coming from all quarters of the world and written in nineteen languages. The first prize was awarded to Rev. Samuel McComb, of Baltimore, Maryland, and is printed as the first paper following an interesting essay by Dr. Paterson entitled "Prayer and the Contemporary Mind." Twenty other papers of varying length on different aspects of the subject are also printed. It is impossible to sum up the results of this study in a brief